

Cemaes Rural District Council

1973

ANNUAL
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OF THE

DISTRICT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

CEMAES RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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FOR THE YEAR 1973.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report for the year 1973. It is an abbreviated report which has been compiled from available records. The corrected statistics are not received until April or May, but it was necessary, in view of re-organisation, to present this report to the Council before 1st April, 1974.

HOUSING.

There is little significant change from last year, with regard to housing in the rural district. No new council houses were completed but some were in the course of construction at Eglwysrwrw and Abercych at the end of the year. The council properties now total 275 and generally the standard of housing throughout the district is good. The Council approved a number of standard and discretionary grants during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

I am pleased to report that there were very few notifications of infectious diseases received during 1973. Four cases of tuberculosis were notified, which is identical to the number notified last year; one of these was a case of T.B.meningitis which occurred in a young teenager. Ten cases of measles occurring in children were reported and one person was notified to be suffering from malaria, which she contracted abroad.

Once again, a certain number of cases of non-specific enteritis occurred during the summer months. This is a common complaint in holiday areas and occurs throughout the country; it is due to a virus infection and is not spread by food or water.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Generally, the quality of the water supplies to the rural district is good, but during the peak of the holiday season there was a general shortage of water, especially in the St. Dogmael's area, due to low rainfall and the very large influx of visitors. Caravan sites in the north of the county were inconvenienced for a period during this time. A total of 266 samples of mains water supplies were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination during the year.

MILK SUPPLIES.

Almost all the producer/retailers of milk in your district have qualified and are now members of the Brucellosis Incentive Scheme. The few producer/retailers remaining outside the Scheme have milk sampling of their herds periodically. It was possible to lift one Pasteurisation Order during 1973 but there were still two Orders remaining in force at the end of the year.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and co-operation during the five years I have had the privilege of serving as your Medical Officer of Health.

Yours obediently,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Lawlor'.

M.B.,B.Ch., D.C.H., D.P.H.,

The Clinic,
Warren Street,
TENBY.

Tel: TENBY 2991/2.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S .

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1973 7,720

	Cemaes R.D. <u>1973.</u>	Cemaes R.D. <u>1972.</u>
Live Births	92	83
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	12	10.8
Still Births	Nil	2
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	24
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	2	3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)	21.7	36
Deaths	136	138
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	17.6	18.0

INFANT DEATHS.

Two male infants died under one year of age in hospital during the year; one at only 5 hours from respiratory distress and the other at 11 months from meningitis.

DEATHS (General) .

Of the total 136 deaths, heart disease accounted for 54 deaths, malignant disease accounted for 30 deaths and of these 8 were due to cancer of the lung - 7 male patients and 1 female.

Approximately 37% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 and approximately 17% in persons aged over 80 years.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	71	65
Diseases of heart and circulatory system:	29	25
Diseases of brain and nervous system:	14	10
Malignant neoplasm, lung:	7	1
Other malignant neoplasms:	6	16
Diseases of respiratory system:	9	2
Diseases of digestive system:	2	4
Diseases of kidneys and urinary system:	-	1
Infant deaths:	2	-
Accidental deaths:	1	2
Influenza:	-	1
Senility:	-	1
Suicide:	1	1
Diabetes:	-	1

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified to me from the rural district during 1973:-

- 10 Measles.
- 1 Scarlet Fever.
- 2 Respiratory Tuberculosis.
- 2 Tuberculosis (other forms).
- 1 Infective Jaundice.
- 1 Malaria.

TUBERCULOSIS.

I am pleased to report that there were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year, but two new cases of respiratory tuberculosis and two cases of other forms of the disease were notified.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G. vaccination - The annual visit to Preseli County Secondary School was made during the autumn term, when a total of 76 pupils (13-year old girls and boys) were skin tested and 55 of these received the vaccination. The Chest Physician continues to examine contacts at the Chest Clinics at Haverfordwest and Cardigan.

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services: The monthly infant welfare clinics continued at St. Dogmael's and Crymych during the year, where immunisations and vaccinations were carried out. School sessions were also held during the spring and summer terms. Local figures are not available but the following details refer to all children under 16 years of age in the County, who received immunisation or vaccination during 1973:-

Diphtheria immunisations:	1,625
Whooping cough immunisations:	1,582
Tetanus immunisations:	1,800
Polio. vaccinations:	1,649
Measles vaccinations:	785
Rubella vaccinations:	808
B.C.G. vaccinations:	913
Booster diphtheria doses:	1,173
Booster whooping cough doses:	111
Booster tetanus doses:	1,511
Booster polio. doses:	1,165

Ambulance Service: The one ambulance based at Tegryn continued to serve the rural district as before, but no details of journeys made during the year are yet available.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

I am pleased to report that no action under the above Section was necessary in your district during 1973.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1961.

There is no significant change from last year; no inspections were made.

SHOPS, OFFICES AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Your Public Health Inspector carried out regular inspections of all food premises during 1973 and no serious complains were received. Figures are not available of the number of premises registered or visited during the year.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF DATA

The following table shows the results of the investigation of the various factors which influence the rate of growth of the various species of fish in the various lakes of the State of Michigan. The data were obtained from the various reports of the Michigan Department of Conservation, and from the various reports of the various fish and game commissions of the various States of the Union. The data were obtained from the various reports of the Michigan Department of Conservation, and from the various reports of the various fish and game commissions of the various States of the Union.

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